In other subsidiaries of Coal India Limited, no case of coal stock shortage beyond 5% of book stock and in excess of 1,000 tones were detected during the above period.

Allotment of Captive Coal Block to Karnataka

2829. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has requested for allotment of Captive Coal Block; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) have requested for allotment of captive coal blocks under the command area of Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) to meet the coal requirement of their Bellary TPS (2 x 500 MW). Their request is under examination in consultation with Coal India Limited and their considered views will be put up to the Screening Committee for allocation of coal blocks in its next meeting.

Illegal mining and theft of coal

2830. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the contrary claims of CIL and its subsidiaries illegal mining and theft of coal in the Coal Mines continues unabated;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial measures Government have taken or proposed to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Illegal mining activities in the nature of clandestine extraction and pilferage of coal from abandoned, closed, disused mines and also from outcrop region within leasehold as well as outside leasehold area of Coal India Limited (CIL) have generally been reported. Pilferage of coal is carried out stealthily and clandestinely mostly from the coal depot/sidings. Since these activities are carried out clandestinely and stealthily, it is not possible to exactly

quantity coal illegally mined and/or pilfered. As a result of surprise checks and routine patrolling carried out, a number of FIRs have been registered with the local State police authorties, details of which during 2001-2002 are given below:

Com-pany	States	No of FIRs		Arrest made		Coal seized (tones)		Appx value (Rs. Lakhs)	
		Pilfe-rage	Illegal mining	Pilfe-rage	Illegal mining	Pilferage	Illegal mining	Pilfe-rage	Illegal mining
ECL	West Bengal and Jharkhand	1404	141	462	80	22617	5679	178	44.69
BCCL	West Bengal and Jharkhand	60	6	54	9	183.8	10.75	2.78	0.19
CCL	Jharkhand	72	61	14	7	967	437.3	9.67	4.37
NCL	Uttar Pradesh/ Madhya Pradesh	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
WCL	Madhya Pradesh/ Mahra-shtra	6	4	8	6	20.78	79	0.19	0.79
SECL	Madhya Pradesh/ Chhatisgarh	10	3	0	2	1.30	0	1.30	0
MCL	Orissa	0	0	0	0	30	0	0.11	0
NEC	Assam	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

(c) The following steps are being taken by coal companies to prevant illegal mining in the leasehold areas.

1. Intelligence collection.

2. Dozing off/filling up of illegal mining sites wherever possible.

3. Erection of fencing/walls in abandoned/disused openings.

4. Round the clock patrolling by coal company's own security force and the CISF.

5. Cases of illegal mining are reported to the district authorities.

6. Whenever illegally mined coal and implements of illegal mining are seized during the course of raids, the same are handed over to the local police and FIRs are lodged.

7. Close liaison is kept with the district authorties seeking their help and co-operation in curbing illegal mining.

Import of Coal

2831. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal is imported, if so, the names of those countries with details of imports over the last two years;

(b) how far it is cost-effective and more useful to our consumers; and

(c) whether it has any effect on home market, if so, the over-riding compulsions to import?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. Coal is being imported from other countries. Major countries from which coal is being imported alongwith quantities are given below for the last two years:

(in million tonnes)

Country	2000-2001	2001-2002
1	2	3
Australia	13.116	10.849
Indonesia	2.553	3.424
S. Africa	3.175	3.108
China	1.729	2.556
Russia	0.057	0.276
New Zeland	0.123	0.173
U.S.A.	0.058	0.043
Canada	0.032	0.037
Others	0.087	0.082
TOTAL	20.930	20.548